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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 6102919 A (JOSEPH C. LICATA), 15 August 2000 (15.08.2000), abstract, fig. --	1-17
A	US 5595569 A (RICK HEBBARD), 21 January 1997 (21.01.1997), abstract, fig. --	1-17
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